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## **BY FACSIMILE**

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson United States District Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 2550 New York, New York 10007

> Re: Levin v. Bank of New York, et al. Case No. 09 Civ. 5900

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Dear Judge Patterson:

We represent third-party defendant in the above-referenced action. On October 11, 2012, we requested by letter a brief extension of partial summary judgment opposition deadline in order to confer adequately with our overseas client. The Court granted application that same day, and extended deadline to October 19, 2012.

Since October 11, in addition to conferring with our client, we have called the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of Treasury (OFAC) on several occasions to discuss pending application. For a number of reasons not in a position to file papers in opposition to partial summary judgment at this time. We note, though, that the key legal points compelling denial of summary judgment are already before the Court, via the memoranda of law filed by a name-redacted third-party defendant, docket no. 798, and by JPMorgan Chase & Co., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and The Bank of New York Mellon (together the "Banks"), docket no. 804:

• Intervening decisions handed down since the Levin I unopposed summary judgment order, 09 CV 5900 (RPP), 2011 WL 812032 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 4, 2011) ("Levin P"), make clear that only property belonging to a terrorist party may be turned over to judgment creditors under the TRIA or FSIA. See Bd. of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior Univ. v. Roche Molecular Sys., Inc., 131 S. Ct. 2188 (2011); Ruth Calderon-Cardona v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 11 CIV. 3283

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(DLC), 2011 WL 6155987 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 7, 2011); Estate of Heiser v. Islamic Republic of Iran, 00-CV-2329 (RCL), 2012 WL 3776705 (D.D.C. Aug. 31, 2012).

- Intervening decisions have also demonstated that neither the TRIA nor FSIA
  preempt state law regarding any mid-stream EFT intended beneficiary's lack of
  ownership interest in the funds. As pointed out by the Banks, analyzing New
  York law and controlling Second Circuit precedent, the same logic underlying an
  EFT intended beneficiary's lack of ownership of mid-stream EFT funds, also
  forecloses any ownership interest in the EFT by the intended beneficiary's bank.
- The Government—through papers signed by the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of State, and OFAC, and referenced in this action by the Banks—asserts that only property owned by a terrorist party may be turned over to judgment creditors. See docket no. 804, citing Hausler v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., No. 12-1264, Dkt. No. 133 (2d Cir. July 9, 2012). While it has taken no position on the TRIA's potential preemption of state property law, the Government also has disclaimed the reasoning in Hausler v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 845 F. Supp. 2d 553 (S.D.N.Y. 2012) asserting federal preemption, and urged that federal common law address any concern that the application of state law could create confusion in the enforcement of the TRIA.
- The Banks, which take no position on the instant summary judgment motion, have also noted that the very issues on which this motion turns will soon be decided by the Court of Appeals.

joins in the applicable portions of docket nos. 798 and 804, and urges the Court to adopt the reasoning of the *Calderon-Cardona* and *Heiser* courts' opinions cited therein.

We are hopeful that OFAC will rule on our pending application in the near term, and we will promptly notify the Court of OFAC's decision once available. But, if summary judgment were to be granted against we may at a future date timely move for a stay of any turnover order or the execution thereof, to prevent funds released by or set to be released by OFAC from being erroneously turned over to the plaintiff judgment creditors, which would necessitate time-consuming litigation to restore the funds to

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Please find enclosed a redacted copy of this letter, which will be served on all counsel of record consist with the Court's rules of practice, and which, if the Court so orders, may be entered on the case docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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